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Dear Mr Garrison

In his Lecture on "Caste" as prepared by Mr. Sumner for his works, is the following MS. addition:

"With heroism, more beautiful than that of the two Scævola, a slave in Louisiana, as long ago as 1753, being compelled to be executioner, cut off his right hand with an axe, that he might avoid taking the life of his brother slave."

Can you refer me to the source of the anecdote, or to any one more likely to informe me.

Sincerely Yours

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